

Senate Resolution 912

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Carter of the 1st and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending First Bryan Baptist Church on the occasion of its 222nd
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during the week of January 13, 2010, historic First Bryan Baptist Church
4 celebrated 222 years of continuous, faithful worship services; and

5 WHEREAS, founded on January 20, 1788, the congregation of First Bryan Baptist Church
6 worshipped in several meeting places in the Brampton and Yamacraw areas of Savannah,
7 Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Andrew Bryan served as the first pastor of First Bryan Baptist Church, and on
9 September 4, 1793, land was purchased for the church at 575 West Bryan Street; and

10 WHEREAS, First Bryan Baptist Church serves as an important symbol of United States
11 history as the oldest parcel of real estate owned continuously by African Americans; and

12 WHEREAS, for the past 222 years, First Bryan Baptist Church has been led under the
13 guiding and spiritual hands of many pastors, who have each seen the congregation grow in
14 size, which has allowed the Word of God to spread throughout the community; and

15 WHEREAS, the congregation of First Bryan Baptist Church has compiled an unparalleled
16 record of constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily
17 through open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by this church as it continues to grow
19 and lead people throughout the community serves as a source of strength, inspiration, and
20 direction for all persons of all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

21 WHEREAS, members of First Bryan Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve the Lord
22 and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
24 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for its innumerable good works rendered
25 on behalf of persons in need.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the rich history of First Bryan Baptist Church, congratulate it on the occasion of
28 its 222nd anniversary, and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued growth and
29 success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to First Bryan Baptist Church.